FFY venues provide free events: art openings. live music. art workshops. performance arts. discounted prices and more!

FRIDAY, August 4

FIRST FRIDAYS AT FROG ISLAND PARK

669 Rice St
Putting in the park Disc Golf 6-9p
Ever try disc golf? Now is your opportunity! Come borrow a disc and try your hand at playing our 9 hole pop-up course in Ypsilanti's Frog Island Park! Grit & Grace Ladies Disc Golf Club and Ypsi Dubs Disc Golf Club have united to organize this pop-up beginner friendly course. We are here to help guide you as you play along with us and learn the basics of the sport. Plus, We will have special First Friday stamped Discraft putters for sale! We'd love to welcome you to the adventure of disc golf! Come check out our course from in Frog Island Park. FREE!

First Fridays Movie Night 9-11p
Please join us on Frog Island for a free outdoor showing of is "Good Burger" 1997 rated PG run time of 95 mins.

AUGUST VENUES:

2 West
2 W. Michigan Ave; 5-9p
You are in Full Bloom!
Dan Plummer's interactive exhibition of landscape photographs and hand-built devices for viewing them in 3D is fascinating for all ages.

22 North
22 N Huron; 5-8p
Dan Plummer: American Landscapes in 3D
Serious, uplifting, and moving, Valerie Mann's serious, moving, and uplifting installations explore collective and individual grief during the time of COVID, reflecting on "closing off, opening up, solitude, vulnerability and joy."

Bellflower
209 Pearl St; 11p-2a
Bellflower After Hours: Ypsi Birthday Bash
Happy 200th birthday to Ypsi and happy 3rd anniversary to Bellflower! Come out and kick off the month with a celebration to our delightful city and 3 years of service here at Bellflower! With a dope music set from DJ HIT, and a stellar lineup of speciality and zero proof cocktails, wine, and beer this will be the party of the summer!

Betty Green Salon
25 N. Washington St; 6-8p
Funky Summer Nights
We are excited to host Heather from Greenshieldmacrame and her handcrafted plant hangers. We are also excited to host Jess, creator of punky tarot handmade. Jess's creations are inspired by the spooky, paranormal and pop culture. Enjoy our signature wine bar and tasty treats while you get to chat with our artists!

The Deep End Cafe & Gallery
310 Perrin St; 7-10p
Art & Karaoke in The Deep End
Join us to celebrate the art of local artist Evan Haywood as well as enjoy fun times doing Karaoke with Kay Bae singing all of our favorite hits!

Dos Hermanos Mexican Grill
310 Perrin St; 7-10p
Fiesta at the Corner
Come and enjoy good food and live music with el curioso de los teclados!

Keystone Bar and Arcade
200 W. Michigan Ave; 8p-12a
*Friday night karaoke **(21+)***
Come and sing your favorite songs at keystone bar and arcade with DJ Big Booty!

Luna Gallery
50 N. Huron St; 2-6p
Support Local Artists
Displays of local handmade art.

MAIZ Mexican Cantina
36 E. Cross St; 4-8p
Noche Folclórica
Please join us for a wonderful night of Mexican Folkloric Dancing. Detroit-based dancers & sisters, Marcela & Maddy Orozco, will be performing at the top of the hour, every hour from 4-8pm. Come eager to immerse yourself in the beauty of Mexican culture!

Pearl Street Studios
36 E. Cross St; 4-9p
Love Lives Here
Love Lives Here is a multimedia storytelling project about Lisa-Erika James' elders that celebrates Black joy and triumph while showcasing the complexity of the human experience. James explores her own roots in the southern United States and western Africa. Go to LoveLivesHere734.com for more information!

Riverside Arts Center (2nd Floor Dance Studio)
76 N. Huron St; 8-11p
Riverside Swings
Learn to swing dance! 8-9pm Beginner swing dance lesson, 9-11pm Swing dance,
11-late Blues dancing. Learn to swing dance and make friends! No partner or experience required. Anyone is welcome to learn the lead or the follow role regardless of gender. FREE on First Fridays!

The Rocket Candy & Novelties
122 W Michigan Ave; 5–8:30p
FFY *Official Merch Stop*
Get your First Fridays merch here! All proceeds benefit FFY!

SPARK East Innovation Center
Ypsi Walk of Writers - Powered by Ypsi Spark!
215 W Michigan Ave; 5–9p
Hub of the Ypsi Walk of Writers! Beloved authors, eager readers, and book enthusiasts will unite for an extraordinary experience filled with storytelling, book signings, and conversations. At the hub, authors will enjoy hospitality and networking opportunities.

Speedys Big Burger
10 N. Adams; 12-4p
Grand Opening
Grand opening for speedys big burgers, free to the public, prizes, giveaways

Stone & Spoon
110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Get Ready for Ypsi Vegan Fest: Detroit Jerky Sampling
Come get excited with us for Ypsi Vegan Fest as we sample Detroit Jerky, one of the participating vendors at the festival!

The Gallery at Stone & Spoon
110 W. Michigan Ave; 11a-8p
A Year Ago Today: A Solo Exhibition by Morgan Burgard
"A Year Ago Today: A Solo Exhibition by Morgan Burgard" opens on Friday, August 4th and runs through Sunday, September 24th.

This, That & the ODDer things
50 E. Cross St; 4-9p
The AURA Blob and the Look
Leo Margolis is a multidisciplinary fashion designer, graphic designer & fiber artist. He will be performing live embroidered AURA readings and for a low cost you can take your personalized AURA patch home with you. SkinnyD is ours truly and works at TToT. Skinny's handmade couture style is remarkable at every stitch.

Triple Goddess Tasting Room
93 Ecorse Rd; 7-10p
Citizens Dead - Days Between Tour **($15 Cover)**
Grateful Dead Tribute Night!

Unicorn Feed & Supply
114 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Candy Club Sampling
Let's celebrate Food Fest together we we sample our favorite Candy Club treats together!

Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education
301 W. Michigan Ave; 5-7p
Student Project Showcase
Come see the amazing things our students have created! You'll see a diverse showcase of student projects including multimedia artwork, videos, podcasts, large-scale murals, and much more! This particular First Friday will come with special guests as well - representatives from our sister programs (WIHI and ECA)

Wyrd Byrd
9 S. Washington St; 8-10p
*Wyrd Movie Night **(18+)***
In honor of the food fest theme, join us as we watch "Flesh Eating Mothers" (1988 - Rated R). This is a horror/comedy B film that is a blast to watch with others. Bring your own drinks/snacks. Doors at 8 pm. Film at 8:15 pm.

Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St; 4:30-6:30p
Steve Somers and Friends Jazz Band
FREE- WCC Jazz director Steve Somers leads a band that combines professiional musicians with WCC students. Set 2 welcomes guests to sit-in with the band.

CONT. FIRST FRIDAYS AUGUST

Ypsilanti District Library - Michigan Ave. Branch
124 Pearl St; 5-6p
First Friday Storytime
Join YDL for an all-ages family event during First Fridays! Families will enjoy books and stories, space to make arts and crafts together, and music and songs to get you excited for the weekend.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse
100 Market Pl; 5-9p
Feast Your Eyes Artisan Market
August's First Fridays theme is "Food Festival," so what better local nonprofit to partner with than Growing Hope! Check out the Freighthouse cafe for a lineup of talented local makers and their delicious creations, and get early ticket access to Growing Hope's annual fundraiser "Chefs in the Garden" which takes place in October.

Ypsi Thrift Shop
14 S. Washington St; 1-8p
Enjoy Summer
We are happy to extend our shop hours for First Fridays so that you visit our shop. We have a great selection of summer clothing.

Ypsi Walk of Writers -
Look for authors at venues throughout downtown and Depot Town who perfectly fit the theme of the location.

Feast Your Eyes
A First Fridays Artisan Market That Will Feed Your Soul
August 4th 5-9 pm
In Partnership With:
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